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For : METHOD OF GENERATING MOLECULE-FUNCTION
NETWORK

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements filed August 29, 2006, January 6, 2006, December 6, 2005 and October 25, 2005, and in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Office's attention to the following co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. patent application:

(1) Application No. 10/551,549, filed March 31, 2004 and entitled "METHOD OF DISPLAYING MOLECULE FUNCTION NETWORK", which is the U.S. National Stage Application of International Application PCT/JP2004/004704, which published as WO 2004/088564 A1;

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following document made of record in U.S. Application No. 10/551,549 (cited above):

(2) JP 2002-091991 A, published March 29, 2002, accompanied by an English language Abstract.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. Applicants have enclosed a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants note that while this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months from the filing date, Applicants has not received an action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3).

However, if an action on the merits has been mailed prior to the filing date of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant hereby authorizes the charging of any required fees necessary for consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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